

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended): A composite stud ~~for~~ and a wall sheeting structure comprising:-

(i) first and second parallel wall sheeting defining a wall having first and second faces.

(ii) [a] at least one central stud member between said first and second parallel wall sheeting and having opposed faces and a recess in each face,

(iii) an ~~support~~ acoustic support member mounted on each opposed face of each central stud member, each acoustic support member being seated in and substantially filling the recess formed in the face of the central stud,

(iv) outer stud members having an inner face and having an opposite outer face mounted on the outer side of each acoustic member and with the inner face being held captive thereby, and said

(v) wall sheeting being connecting the outer faces of adjacent outer stud members.

2. (currently amended): A composite stud according to claim 1

wherein each acoustic support_member has a major portion having an inner face and outwardly extending spaced apart arms which terminate in inwardly directed flanges which extend toward each other and which define recesses.

3. (original): A composite stud according to claim 2 wherein each outer stud member has an enlarged head that is located in the recess and held captive therein by the flanges.